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Letter dated 29 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 53/108 on measures to eliminate international terrorism and to the General Assembly's 1994 Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism, and to inform you that during the night of 19 September 1999, the Sudan's oil export pipeline, which runs for 1,610 kilometres from the production site to Port Sudan, was the target of a terrorist operation at a point north-east of the city of Atbara. The operation, which was carried out by armed Sudanese opposition elements, resulted in the destruction of part of the pipeline. In a statement released to various world news agencies, including Reuters and Agence France-Presse, a spokesman for the military leadership of the armed Sudanese opposition movement, Abdul-Rahman Said, acknowledged that the movement had been responsible for the terrorist outrage. According to the statement, the movement has "organized a special force expressly for blowing up pipelines". The statement added: "We want to make it clear to the Government that we are able to do whatever we like."

In this connection, my Government wishes to recall the firm determination of the United Nations to eliminate terrorism, and its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomever committed, as reflected in its endorsement of the relevant international conventions and in a series of declarations and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and various other bodies concerning the punishment of those responsible for acts of terrorism.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 160.

(*Signed*) Elfatih **Erwa**
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